

Minutes: June 15, 2011 meeting of the  
TWIN OAKS VALLEY COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

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**Agenda Item 1: - Roll Call and Advisory Role Statement**

Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, Farrell read the advisory role statement. Present: Sandra Farrell (Chair), Gil Jemmott (Co-Vice Chair), Karen Binns (Co-Vice chair), Ben Morris (secretary), Henry Palmer, absent: Jon Mehtlan, Tom Kumura. There was a discussion as to how to record attendance for Jon, as he had sent an e-mail resigning, the Chair decided that we would record him as absent until we were notified by the County of his resignation being official.

**Agenda Item 2: Review of minutes of meetings:** Minutes from May 18, 2011 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion concerning the Vallecitos Water District Master Plan which had been brought up under the Public Forum was going to be handled and also a new draft letter concerning "Safe Routes to School" and when we would discuss that item, there were no corrections required of the minutes and there was a motion to approve by Morris seconded by Jemmott and the item passed 5-0-0.

**Agenda Item 3: Public Forum:** No items were brought up.

**Agenda Item 4: Equine Policy and Ordinance:** Update on meetings held at County on policies and ordinances related to keeping horses both for personal use, boarding and public stables. Morris reported that County Staff had sent out a notice that they are scheduled to bring back the options to the Board of Supervisors on July 13, and that once the Board gives direction on how to proceed with the Equine Ordinance amendment they will then initiate preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, which could take approximately 18 months to complete. Based on this time frame, it is likely that the Equine Ordinance amendments and associated EIR will be presented to the Board for final consideration in the Fall of 2012. DPLU has prepared an Interim Policy on Commercial Equine Facilities and this Interim Policy will remain in place until the Board acts on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment in the Fall of 2012. This Interim Policy will suspend active enforcement on zoning violations related to commercial horse boarding uses established before March 2, 2011. However, active enforcement and health and safety violations associated with the illegal commercial horse boarding will continue. Furthermore in order to avoid this suspension getting out of control, this policy will only apply to equine uses started before March 2, 2011, any commercial horse boarding facilities (or expansions of existing illegal commercial horse boarding facilities) established on or after March 2, 2011 will be given a cease and desist order. Farrell commented that she had received the same Staff notice, and had asked other Chairs how enforcement was being handled in their planning areas, she had received some comments. Palmer asked how this interim policy would affect current violations, and he indicated there was one violation he was aware of. Morris asked if he would provide the information on this current violation and he would follow through with an e-mail to the appropriate County staff. Morris indicated he would continue to report on the progress of the new policy and ordinance.

**Agenda Item 5: San Marcos General Plan Update:** The City of San Marcos is going through a General Plan Update. Properties adjoining the Twin Oaks Valley Community Plan Area may have use changes that will impact Twin Oaks. For presentation on Mobility and other information <http://ourcityyourfuture.com/documents/gpac/GPAC 21 presentation.pdf>. Farrell indicated that she

couldn't go onto the mobility plan. The presentation to the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) covered travel demand management and implementation mitigation for new state requirements to reduce greenhouse gasses. Presentation showed the existing General Plan with Buena Creek, Los Poses, Deer Springs and Deer Springs as six lanes (p 17) put under the proposed Mobility Element these would be reduced to 4 lanes. Farrell thought they had always been four lanes. Also, the presentation to the GPAC showed potential future semi truck routes for Buena Creek, Twin Oaks, Deer Springs, (p 21) and a recommended new road which appears to be an extension of Sycamore Road that connects to Deer Springs Road. Farrell has not heard from Jerry Backoff of the City of San Marcos. Binns suggested calling Jim Desmond to see if he could open some dialog. Farrell indicated she will contact either Desmond or Paul Malone if there is no communication from Backoff

**Agenda Item 6: General Plan Update (was GP-2020):** Review of Board of Supervisors actions regarding the General Plan Update. Owners of these properties are requesting a different density than what has been proposed as Staff recommendation under the General Plan update. The Sponsor Group requested some areas be increased and others decreased in density due to steep slope and other constraints. Farrell commented that she had received a response from Jimmy Wong concerning our recommendations, which she had forwarded to the members. Although our recommendations did go before the Board, they decided to accept staff recommendations for all minor categories. There ensued a considerable discussion concerning the Board meeting and the manner in which the recommendations were presented. Palmer believed Horn hadn't seen a copy of the Sponsor Group requests and since Staff didn't present our recommendations individually to Horn he was not informed of our justifications. Palmer said that some of the requests were requests through the BIA and the property owners. Palmer thought the Group should send to Horn a letter stating our concerns and presenting our justifications. He said we should include the graphics previously presented to the board.

Palmer made a motion to write a letter to Supervisor Horn and to tell him that we believe he was not presented with our entire recommendation which were based on input from individual property owners and that we are to include our graphics to show our rationale along with a critique of Staff Analysis. Morris seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

**Agenda Item 7: Community Plan Update:** Update from Sub-Committee on taking the original community Plan, input from Community Survey past work done by County Staff into the new format requested by County. Morris reported that he and Palmer are meeting on a regular basis and they have now finished taking the original 1995 Community Plan and put it into the new format. He will send out this draft document to all members next week and ask for them to review it prior to the next meeting. In the meantime Palmer will continue to work on the history section of the plan which was not a part of the 1995 Plan. In addition they will review the work that had been done in 2002 to insure that any approved changes are brought into the new draft document. Discussion centered on how to interpret the work that had been done with the Community Survey and Jemmott was requested to find the original report on the survey as the only copy Palmer had wasn't complete. The members felt that the Community Survey and the work that had been done in 2002 and with the workshop should be considered as approved and should be incorporated into the new draft. Morris indicated that after everyone has seen this new draft which captures the original 1995 Plan he will begin to import changes which he and Palmer recommend the group review and approve. Also the Circulation Element discussions which had been lead by DPLU need to be incorporated, and we don't seem to have any minutes of these meetings, Palmer is still trying to locate this information. Palmer and Morris will be meeting with the San Marcos Historical Society on June 16. Morris requested that for upcoming meetings there needs to be time allotted to properly review the material and if possible have the agenda reflect this. After all of the past approved modifications to the original 1995 Plan are incorporated then new language will need to be addressed, this will wind up being a long process, as the new template has much more information being requested.

**Agenda Item 8: SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy:**

SANDAG will have a workshop on the proposed plan on June 16- at San Marcos City Council Chambers, 1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos. Workshop will run from 4-6 pm and the Public hearings begin at 6pm. SANDAG released the Draft EIR for public review. Comments due by August 1, 1022. Farrell indicated that she had briefly looked at section 4.1.7 which addresses scenic highways. She requested everyone look at it and bring any comments to next meeting for consideration into a potential comment letter.

**Agenda Item 9: Update on ongoing projects:** None

**Agenda Item 10: Update on ongoing projects:** Review of Planning Commission actions on Windsong Pet Resort and Spitzfaden Project. Support letter for City of San Marcos project proposed at corner of Twin Oaks Valley road and Cassou under the “Safe Routes to School” grant program. The applicants for the Windsong Pet Resort were in attendance and reported that they had gone before the Planning Commission and that at the last moment a neighbor had begun to ask many questions and circulated a petition concerning their project. The Planning Commission did approve the project 5-0, and then the neighbor appealed the decision, which will be heard by the Board of Supervisors in September. The Planning Commission approved the Spitzfaden Project.

Farrell had circulated a draft letter for the member’s consideration concerning support of the “Safe Routes to School” which would endorse the City of San Marcos improvements, and she asked if the members had any comments. Morris indicated that he would have reservations about endorsing improvements, which we really don’t have to review, and that this is a public safety issue, which could have implications if we did approve it. He suggested different language to the draft, which did not endorse specific improvements while still supporting the goals of the “Safe Routes to School”. The revised draft was reviewed, Morris made a motion to approve Jemmott seconded and it passed 5-0-0.

Palmer inquired what the Chair intended to do with the Vallecitos Water District Master Plan which had been brought up under Public forum at last month’s meeting. Binns had agreed to review the document and have it put on this meeting’s agenda if there were issues for discussion. Palmer feels that this is a very important document and needs to be reviewed and commented on. He also feels that the Sponsor Group had not been officially notified of the May 10 meeting. Farrell asked if anyone could review the document, and Palmer agreed to review it. Farrell will ask why we weren’t notified and that we have an appropriate time to review and comment.

**Agenda Item 11: Old Business:** None

**Agenda Item 12: Administration and correspondence:**

Farrell adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted, Ben Morris, Secretary**

**The next regular meeting of the TOVCSG will be on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Twin Oaks Elementary School.**